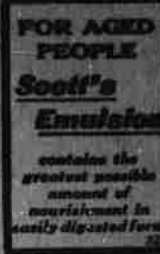




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## GREAT PRIZE CONTEST---TALK OF THE ENTIRE VALLEY---CLOSES TOMORROW NIGHT AT 9 O'CLOCK

Ballots of Ballots will wage throughout all this section of Kentucky. All indications point to a very close finish and candidates and their friends are working hard to get more votes and subscriptions. Public interest in the Great Race is at a very high pitch. Claims and counterclaims of the competitors indicate that the outcome is everywhere in doubt. Candidates line up their forces to close campaign. NEWS plans to take care of the crowds on the closing night.

### HELP YOUR FAVORITE

Subscribe for the NEWS—Increase your subscription—don't go back on your favorite at this eleventh hour. A Big Prize may be lost just for lack of the votes your subscription would bring. Don't let this happen. Make your "Favorite" a Winner at all hazards.

The Big Sandy News Great Popularity Contest—the biggest enterprise ever attempted by a weekly newspaper in this state—will come to a close at 9 o'clock tomorrow night. For eight weeks past this great prize competition has been the talk of the Big Sandy Valley and has stirred the people of this section as nothing has done in recent years. But one day remains and this huge undertaking will be a thing of the past and nineteen popular people will be the proud possessors of new-found fame and fortune, glory and prizes.



MISS RUTH CRITES.

#### Thousands of Votes Polled.

Thousands and thousands of votes have been polled by the candidates and their friends the past week. On Tuesday and Wednesday especially, there was an unusually heavy vote cast. This was undoubtedly due to the fact that the votes polled before 3 p. m. last Wednesday night so that the boards would be clear for the judges on the final count. Intense interest has been manifested the past week by the general public in the standings of the contestants which have been posted daily in front of the NEWS office.

#### And Now—Just One Day More.

Think of it—the time is growing mighty short to decide the winners of the nineteen handsome prizes. But if you get out among your friends and make a final roundup of all subscriptions, it may give you just the number of votes you need to win. Keep right after the votes and subscriptions until the last. Don't be too confident and think that you already have enough votes to win for if you do, you will probably be disappointed. Many and many a prize has been lost in campaigns of this kind by the narrow margin of possibly less than 5,000 votes. Don't let this happen to you—it's much better to have a surplus of votes than not quite enough.

Every facility will be afforded the contestants and their friends for getting their votes and subscriptions in tomorrow night. Experience teaches us that there will be a crowd on hand as the end draws near. In spite of the warnings that have been given, it is certain that some of the candidates will put off bringing in their subscriptions until the last possible minute, but the contest manager would again remind them that the last moment ought to mean a time which permits some leeway for accidents.

Bring in your votes and subscrip-



MISS RUTH CONLEY.

tions as early as possible in the day so that you will have them off your hands and will not lose any in the hurry of the last few hours. Then any subscriptions you get later can be turned in before the closing hour.

At 6 p. m. Saturday night, the contest department will move to the Louisa National Bank where there will be better facilities for taking care of the contestants and their friends. All persons having votes and subscriptions to turn in after that hour are requested to go to the bank where they will find the contest manager.

Promptly at 9 o'clock tomorrow night (Saturday, March 22nd) the doors of the bank will be locked and no one will be allowed to enter thereafter to turn in votes and subscriptions. Subscriptions will be accepted from the contestants and their friends who are in the bank at that hour, but if you come after that time, your subscriptions will be of no use. If you send subscriptions by mail, be sure that they reach us before the closing hour for we are not responsible if your votes and subscriptions fail to get here in time.

#### JUDGES OF THE CONTEST.

The following well known gentlemen will act as judges in the Big Sandy News Prize Popularity Contest which closes at 9 p. m. Saturday, Mar. 22nd.

MR. W. D. PIERCE  
Prop. Pierce's Dept. Store.  
MR. S. J. JUSTICE  
Agent C. and O. R. R.  
MR. A. L. BURTON  
Merchant.

#### Judges Make Count.

The contest manager made his last count for this issue and the ballot box was then sealed and will not be opened until the judges do so after the contest is over. As soon as possible after 9 o'clock tomorrow night the judges will open the ballot box and the work of counting the votes will commence. The votes will all be counted on an adding machine and will be checked and rechecked by three judges so that there will be no chance for an error.

#### Will Know Saturday Night.

The result of the count will probably be known Saturday night as the work can be done quickly on an adding machine. Experience teaches



MISS MARGARET RICHMAN.

us that it usually takes two or three hours to make the count. While it is not necessary for the contestants

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#### CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

On the night of Thursday, March 13, Paul, the little son of Mrs. Nanette Fugett, formerly of this city but now living at Hewlette, not far from Catalpa, fell into the fire during the absence of the family from the room and received burns from which it died twenty-four hours later. Mrs. Fugett had gone to the kitchen to take up supper, and before she returned the child climbed onto a chair and from it fell into the fireplace. His ten year old brother heard the child's screams and ran into the room and pulled him out of the blaze, but too late to save him. Paul lacked only a few weeks of being 2 years old.

It will be remembered that the child's father, James Fugett was killed by a rolling log a little more than a year ago, and this second bereavement comes with crushing force to the widowed mother.

#### LARGE COAL CONTRACT.

The Gem Coal Co., of Kilgore, Ky., owned by F. L. Stewart and J. C. Hatcher, was one of two lowest bidders on the contract for furnishing coal for the Frankfort penitentiary for one year. The two firms bid the same price. They will probably divide the contract, each furnishing about 6000 tons of coal. The cost of coal delivered at the prison is nearly \$30,000 per year.

#### KENTUCKY OIL AND GAS FIELDS

Investigations by United States Geological Survey.

A report on "The Menifee gas field and the Ragland oil field, Kentucky," by M. J. Munn, has just been issued by the United States Geological Survey as Bulletin 531-A. The geologic investigations on which this report is based were made in co-operation with the Geological Survey of Kentucky in October, 1909, and 1911. These investigations were part of a general reconnaissance examination of the oil and gas fields of the southern Appalachian region, embracing Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama, a report on which is in course of preparation. The two fields discussed in Bulletin 531-A are in the northeastern part of Kentucky. The Menifee gas field is situated in the southwestern part of Powell county. The Ragland field is in the extreme southeastern part of Bath county and the adjacent portion of Rowan county.

The principal object of this reconnaissance work was to determine approximately the structure or dip of the "Coriferous" limestone which is the oil and gas bearing "sand" in these fields, and to see if these fields have any structural relationship not only to each other but also to the Compton oil field of Wolfe county, which had been described in a previous report (Bulletin 471-A). The results show that the three pools closely resemble one another in structural arrangement, and the deductions to be made therefrom should prove of much value to oil and gas men interested in the development of other pools in this general region.

In his report Mr. Munn says, in part, that "The syncline which crosses the triangle between the Menifee gas field and the Irvine and Ragland oil fields is probably unproductive, the 'Coriferous' limestone being saturated with water. The Irvine and Campton fields are probably on the same anticline, which may prove to be the westward extension of a fairly definite anticline observed at a number of places in Morgan county."

It is interesting to note that months after the manuscript for this report was prepared a well was completed at Cannel City, Morgan county, which is reported to have started flowing at about 600 barrels a day and which is probably on the anticline observed in Morgan county by the geologist who made the report.

Copies of this report may be had free by addressing the Director of the U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

#### NEWS OF THE OIL FIELD.

The Busseyville Oil company has secured the drilling of a test well on the Joe Hutchinson lease. The Ohio Fuel Oil company will make the test for a portion of the lease. The Lackey and Roberts well should be completed next week. Also the one on Mill creek, W. Va.

#### RING RECOVERED.

During the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Potest in this city and while living in the R. A. Stone house Mrs. Potest lost a valuable diamond ring. A report from Huntington, where the Potests now reside, says the ring has been recovered, largely through the efforts of Marshal Muncy, of this city.

#### WANT TO BE U. S. MARSHAL.

Henry M. Cox, of Morgan county, is an applicant for the position of United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and is said to have strong indorsement. John O'Kelley, of Boyd county, also is after the place, with good backing.

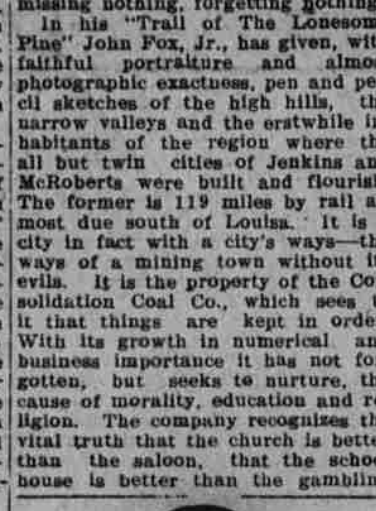
Next Sunday being Easter some of the church services will be characterized by special music.

#### THE CITY OF JENKINS.

##### Famous "Red Fox" Cabin to be Supplanted by Good Church Building.

The reading public has learned from the press of the day that the mountain section of Eastern Kentucky has undergone a wonderful physical, mental and moral change during the past very few years. It has read of the development of the most extensive coal fields on the face of the globe, of the establishment of hundreds of coke ovens, of the mining and shipment of millions of bituminous coal. Men and women have seen in the big dailies of the big cities half tone pictures of towns which have sprung up, by night, as it were, in the midst of mountains and ravines and gulches—towns which rightfully and proudly boast of banks, of auditoriums, of business blocks and palatial homes built of concrete and lighted by electricity—towns supplied with water from concrete reservoirs which hold enough to supply whatever sized city which they may be called upon to furnish. The public reads of these mighty achievements with a degree of wonder tempered by a knowledge of the fact that in this day and age of the world the civil engineer asks but two questions when confronted with the problem of accomplishment: What do you want me to do, and can you raise the money which the construction will cost. The doing of these mighty miracles, right in the heart of the hills, has, the NEWS repeats, caused a degree of wonder to the denizens of the great cities where so much that is little short of marvelous is constantly occurring. But to the dwellers in the region where these transformations have occurred the change from then to now is indeed a miracle. Few of the men, still fewer of the women have been to the large towns "over the mountains," and they had dreamed but little that the wonders of modern life and living would be brought to their very doors. They are simple minded folk who are scant of speech, but they use eyes and ears, missing nothing, forgetting nothing.

In his "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" John Fox, Jr., has given, with faithful portraiture and almost photographic exactness, pen and pencil sketches of the high hills, the narrow valleys and the erstwhile inhabitants of the region where the all but twin cities of Jenkins and McRoberts were built and flourish. The former is 119 miles by rail almost due south of Louisville. It is a city in fact with a city's ways—the ways of a mining town without its evils. It is the property of the Consolidation Coal Co., which seems to it that things are kept in order. With its growth in numerical and business importance it has not forgotten, but seeks to nurture, the cause of morality, education and religion. The company recognizes the vital truth that the church is better than the saloon, that the school house is better than the gambling



REV. CHARLES E. CRUSOE.

house. It lends its aid to everything which uplifts, and stamps out so far as it possibly can everything which demoralizes and degrades. The various denominations are doing all they can for Jenkins in the way of church work. The company cheerfully donates sites for all churches when asked for, and some have been secured. The Rev. Mr. Summers, pastor of the Christian church, this city, goes to Jenkins at stated times and holds service, and it is likely that ministers of other denominations do the same thing. No church building has yet been built, but the time is close at hand when one will be erected on ground not more than half a mile from where the cabin of Red Fox, a prominent figure in Fox's famous story, The Rector of the Episcopal church, Louisa, the Rev. Charles E. Crusoe, Archdeacon of the Episcopal Mission of the Mountains, has by appeals sent to various parts of the country, secured money enough to erect a church which will serve not only money enough has been contributed to build a more commodious and enduring structure. There is a firm of architects and builders in Ithaca, N. Y., which makes a specialty of making portable churches to supply just such demands as this for a church. The buildings can be made of almost any size and design, and are shipped in sections ready to be set up. One of these, if not already in the new city of Jenkins, is on its way to that place. It will be 26 feet wide by 60 long and of proportionate height. Mr. Crusoe has bought pews of excellent make and style, a vocalion, or improved church organ, and all else necessary for the equipment of a modern Episcopal church. When the church

is ready, and it will require only a few days to make it so, it will be dedicated by Bishop L. W. Burton, of Lexington, and the Rev. Mr. Wentworth, of Lexington, and Mr. Crusoe, of Louisa, will hold a week of mission meetings.

This church and the others which are sure to follow will be mute but tangible evidences of the fact that in place of the still and "lifeless" product there will be the house of God and the baptismal waters of font and stream, and the missionary and the voice of prayer and praise will take the place of the feudists' and the report of his deadly gun.

#### DIED IN HOSPITAL.

On Monday last Mrs. Hess, who lived on Johns creek, about four miles from Pikeville, died in the hospital. The body was taken to her old home for interment. On the previous Friday Mrs. Hess submitted to an operation for abdominal tumor. The operation was successfully performed by Dr. York, assisted by Drs. Bromley and Fulkerson, the tumor being a very large fibroid. Mrs. Hess rallied well from the chloroform and there was but little shock. She did well for a day or so but on Sunday began to sink. She was 51 years old and was a half sister of Mr. John Riley, formerly of Louisa.

#### KENTUCKY APPOINTMENTS.

Report About Government Positions Coming This Way.

Washington.—The candidacy of H. S. Breckinridge, of Lexington, for Assistant Secretary of War, assumed formidable proportions today, and at the White House his name was semi-officially mentioned as a "prominent possibility." Robert W. Woolley, a former Lexington man, has already accepted the appointment of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

George Gardner, of Salyersville, is making a hard fight for First Assistant Secretary of the Interior; and if the Breckinridge and Gardner candidacies are successful, Kentucky Democrats will be second in command in three of the great departments of the Government. Should John R. Downing, Georgetown, win his fight for appointment as Controller of the Currency, Kentucky would be well to the front in recognition by the Wilson administration. In addition to these it is understood that one or two foreign missions, probably in South America and Europe, and several consulships will be given the State. All this patronage bears no relation to the positions within Kentucky in the revenue, customs and judicial services of the Government, and all taken together create a problem that is taking nearly every minute of the time of Senator Ollie James.

Senator Ollie M. James, of Kentucky, announced that he will recommend Jacob Corbett, of Wyckliffe, Ky., as an attorney in the Department of Justice; George Drewry, of Louisville, for many years employed in Washington, as Chief Clerk of the Department of Justice, and Geo. Gardner, of Salyersville, Ky., as Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

The independent candidacies of Desha Breckinridge, of Lexington, and S. W. Hager, of Owensboro, for Internal Revenue Collectors, in their respective districts, were announced here to-day. Neither has James backing, but each is trying to land on the ground that he was an original Wilson man in Kentucky. Hager was Wilson's Kentucky manager. Breckinridge, as editor of the Lexington Herald, did his share in booming the New Jersey man against Champ Clark.

George Gardner is a brother of Judge D. W. Gardner, of Salyersville. He was appointed by Cleveland to a position in the Interior Department and became so proficient that he was promoted and has been in the service through the various Republican administrations since Cleveland's term expired. He is a good lawyer. His services are needed and he will doubtless get the promotion now being sought.

Senator James will recommend Charleston E. Thompson, of Covington, for U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

#### THE LEWIS ATKINS WILL.

The will of the late Lewis Atkins, of Zella, was offered and accepted for probate in the County Court on last Monday. By its terms his second wife and their son get all the land between the railroad and the Big Sandy river, about 100 acres, with the improvements, including the storehouse and the dwelling house. His sons, Ora and George, get the land west of the railroad, about 400 acres. George, Ora and Bruce also get the store, the life insurance, about \$1500, and other money.

The daughters, Mrs. Daisy Clark, Mrs. John Wellman and Mrs. Jesse Shannon get \$500 each. The will names Ora Atkins and George R. Vinson executors, and they executed bond in the sum of \$6000 to carry out its provisions. The court appointed R. A. Stone, W. A. Copley and J. W. Yates appraisers of the property, and they are now at work.

It is conservatively estimated that the estate of the deceased is worth at least \$25,000. The farm is one of the best on the river.

#### HELP THE CORN CLUBS.

##### Appeal Made by the Supervisor in Behalf of the Prize List.

To the Citizens of Lawrence Co.: We are arousing an interest in Boy's Corn Clubs and Good Roads, but we are lacking in funds for prizes.

Will not the public spirited citizens come to our aid?

We have divided the county into 19 Corn Club districts and the Good Roads into 3 districts.

By having 19 corn club districts and awarding 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each of the 19 districts the prizes are distributed to all parts of the county.

I find that this plan is encouraging the boys as they feel the prizes are brought within the reach of all sections of the county.

There are 8 Educational Divisions in Lawrence, hence the 8 Good Roads districts.

The school boys, after school open, will be encouraged to build 100 yards of road near each school house. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be awarded in each of the 8 Educational Divisions. Therefore it requires 57 prizes in the Corn Clubs and 24 for Good Roads, a total of 81 prizes.

The boys in each corn club are in competition against the boys of the club only.

The schools of one Educational Division are in competition with the other schools of the same division only hence not a county prize has been offered as yet.

If we can raise sufficient funds there will be some county prizes offered so as to bring the different parts of the county into competition for something like a sweepstakes prize, or prizes.

There will be 19 men selected to act as president in the 19 corn club districts, one man for each club district, who will assist the County Supervisor in his prize awarded to the one who has the largest corn club in the county.

The amount of the prize will be announced later.

I make a special appeal to all public spirited citizens to help this work by giving liberal cash donations.

Receipts will be given and names of ones donating, with the amount given will be published from time to time.

This is the way to encourage the boys. They will appreciate the prizes and you will be glad to be counted as one who cheered them in their contest.

Meetings held the past week at Fallsburg, Webbville, Matra School House, Blaine, Charlie and Gallup.

36 boys enrolled and 6 men. Gallup headed the list with 12.

There seems to be an awakening on the corn club and good roads questions.

We hope to have 200 or more boys join the corn clubs of Lawrence.

#### Precinct Meetings Called.

All persons who are interested in the corn clubs and good roads are requested to meet as follows:

Upper and Lower Louisa Voting Precincts at Court House, Saturday, March 23, at 1 p. m.

Busseyville Precinct at Busseyville Monday, March 24th, at 10:00 a. m.

Little Blaine Precinct, at Adams Monday, March 24th, at 2:30 p. m.

Sweetnam Precinct, at Knob Branch Tuesday, March 25th, at 10:00 a. m.

Cherokee Precinct, at Lish Grift's School House, Tuesday, Mar. 25, at 2:30.

Catt Precinct, at Oliville, Wednesday, March 26th, at 10:00 a. m.

East Fork Precinct, at Trinity, Wednesday, Mar. 26, at 2:30 p. m.

Bear Creek Precinct, at Adeline, Thursday, Mar. 27th, at 10:00 a. m.

Peach Orchard Precinct at Richardson, Friday March 28th at 10:00 a. m.

Gambill Precinct, Ulysses School House, Saturday, March 29th, at 10:00 a. m.

J. B. McCLURE,

Supervisor Corn Clubs.

#### Former Louisa Girl Married.

On Saturday evening, March 8, in the presence of a few relatives and friends, a very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Greer, in Barboursville, W. Va., with the Rev. C. M. Johnson officiating.

The parties were Miss Sammie Ferrell, formerly of this city, and Mr. Edward Clark, of Charleston, W. Va. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ferrell, who formerly lived here, but who reside at Yeager, Ky. She has many friends here and is well liked by everyone. We consider Mr. Clark very fortunate in securing so amiable and highly respected young lady for a life partner.

Mr. Clark is now superintendent of the B. and O. railroad from Shelby to Jenkins and is everything a young man should be, sober, industrious and honest.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark have our best wishes for a long and happy life.

A CHUM.

Elka Vinson, whose right leg was amputated at the hospital some time ago, was on the street Wednesday. He is doing well.